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## Letter from Sarah Muir Galloway to John Muir, 1860 Dec 8

Sarah Muir Galloway

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feelings by what they were when we were  
 all around them. Sarah broke the circle  
 first then you left us John and a third  
 soon to follow. dear John perhaps we will  
 never all meet around that same fireside  
 (at one time) again. ~~But this~~ is my greatest  
 wish that we will meet an unbroken family  
 at Gock's right hand John and David and  
 David's little ones included. John by the way  
 you used to talk I didn't expect nor you  
 either that you would be so home sick  
 it surprised me some. but your Maggie as  
 you are pleased to call her would like as  
 well to be by you as you would like to have  
 her when you are home sick. to comfort you  
 you may tell Miss Merril if you like that  
 I am glad you have a comforter who can fill  
 my place so well I love all your good friends  
 John they are so very kind to you I feel  
 grateful to Mrs. Pelton for the kind invitation  
 she has sent us. but I think perhaps under  
 the present circumstances we had better come  
 so far although I think I would like it very much  
 to see you and all the folks. but I shall leave it to  
 John you know I want to consult his feelings  
 and you know we are all looking forward to spring when  
 we expect to have you with us a good while when you are

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Write soon

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Fountain Lake Dec 8<sup>th</sup>

My Dear Brother

I have waited & waited  
 and worried for that next letter you was  
 to send before we wrote, untill I was fairly  
 out of patience, but I had the pleasure  
 of reading one of yours dated Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 to John Reid today Maggie has been over  
 here since Monday and he called on  
 his way over to Maggie Rogers to give  
 them warning to be in attendance on that  
 certain day coming one week from  
 Tuesday first, what a pity we could not  
 have you here too, Remember your  
 promise to me if your certain day  
 ever comes I have not forgot it.  
 I was very glad indeed to hear you were  
 so strong and healthy and that the  
 folks in the house were so very  
 kind and agreeable but who would  
 think you would be so lonesome John  
 If you have not written do write soon

and tell us what you are about and all  
the news you can think about and tell us  
when you think we will see you again  
I do not forget to pray for you John  
that He who is the stronger shield  
may ~~be~~ be far more to you than all you  
have left behind. May ~~the~~ richest  
blessings fall to your share May He  
guide you through all the dangerous snares  
through which you may have to pass and  
keep you safe under the shadow of his  
wing

Anna is well and does not forget  
who made her little wagon George  
is growing finely and I am pretty  
well too David told me to tell you  
that he was grumbling on the old  
way he sends you his very best wishes  
and says when you write him he will  
write to you Hoping we will see you  
soon I must close

From your very affectionate  
Mind to write soon Sister Sarah

Dear John

You know I always get recruited  
beside Sarah so I am here again. That  
day has not arrived yet ~~as~~ you appear  
to have expected it would before your  
very welcome letter reached ~~us~~ this  
is Sunday and I am left alone with  
little George (Sarah and David and Anna  
being all gone to the meeting) and he is  
squalling so I must stop a bit and  
begin again when I get him put right.

Now to my story again. You know when you  
left us we thought ~~we~~ would have a wedding  
here on the same day in the year that  
Sarah went off. but as it happens to be  
Sundays we thought we would at least <sup>have it</sup>  
the same day in the week that would be  
the Tuesday following. but as I thought  
it would suit better a week later we have  
put it off. and John we would like very very  
much to have <sup>you</sup> with us then we would then  
once more be all together. I was just thinking  
how different must be Father and Mother